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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE INFORM JOAN BREMENT TODAY THAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING UNUSUAL COLD WEATHER IN MOSCOW WITH LOW OF 40 DEGREES, SO BOYS WHO ARE LEAVING TODAY SHOULD BRING SWEATERS OR JACKETS.

2. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF STATE 166770, WE TALKED WITH ALLA KRAPIVENSKAYA AND HER HUSBAND. WE TOLD THEM THAT THEIR CASE HAD BEEN REVIEWED IN WASHINGTON AND ROME WITHOUT ANY CHANGE IN THE ORIGINAL DECISION. THE ISRAEL OPTION WAS DISCUSSED, BUT AT THIS POINT THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT IT. THEY AGREED NEVERTHELESS TO CONSIDER IT FURTHER AND WILL LET US KNOW THEIR DECISIONS.

3. VISA CABLE SHOULD BE GOING OUT TODAY REPORTING APPLICATION OF JOURNALIST GENRIKH BOROVIK TO GO TO NEW YORK IN ORDER TO OPEN OFFICE FOR LIT GAZ. WE HAVE NO INSTANT RECOMMENDATION TO MAKE, BUT IT MIGHT BE WELL TO CHECK WITH NEWSWEEK REGARDING THEIR PLANS FOR REPLACING FRIENDLY. WOULD HATE TO SEE VISA ISSUED TO BOROVIK, AND THEN HAVE VISA FOR FIRENDLY'S REPLACEMENT HELD UP. WE HAVE NO REASON TO DO FAVORS FOR LIT GAZ, BUT ON OTHER HAND IF WE HAVE NO VISA PROBLEMS WITH US JOURNALISTS AND NO PENDING APPLICATIONS TO OPEN OFFICES HERE, WE PROBABLY SHOULD NOT BLOCK APPLICATION--
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ASSUMING BOROVIK HIMSELF RAISES NO SPECIAL PROBLEMS.

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